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tively in Advance.

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Funston, the Kansas hero of the
Phillipines staid two days this
week at Port Tampa waiting for
the storm to blow over before pro-
ceeding to Cuba, whither he was
ordered by the President.

Secretary Taft is now in Cuba
backed by American troops and
war ships galore, and now if those
folks down there don't come to
terms mighty quick the United
States will do—Do as we do, wait
and see.

The Sub Peninsula Sun and the
St Petersburg Times have consoli-
dated. This leaves the Independ-
ent and Times the field. Both are
mighty good newspapers and the
city can support two newspapers
all right where three would be a
burden.

We are pleased to note that the
expert who has been studying the
provisions of the new Railroad
Rate Law says that the railroads
may pay newspapers in travelling
provided they settle up once a year
and pay cash if there is any differ-
ence between them. This will
suit the newspaper people all right
and it ought to suit the railroads.

The Jasper News calls on
Governor Broward to see that all
the vagrants in the state are set at
work. That's right! Hound the
Governor because of every move
he makes, discourage every plan
he suggests to help the people,
then demand that he gather up
the vagrants and set them at work!
What are your own officers good
for? Must our governor attend to
their business as well as his own
and then get blackguarded for the
way he does it? For shame! The
freedom of speech and the press is
abused beyond measure in Florida
and especially when it concerns
Governor Broward who is consci-
entiously trying to do his duty.

Vote for the amendment that
makes the governor and the state
officials a board of Internal Im-
provement. It means not
Governor Broward and the present
officials alone, but those who are
elected in the future. They are
chosen by the people and are sup-
posed to be above suspicion as to
moral character. They would
have, as the Board of Internal Im-
provement, less power than our
county commissioners. Are you
afraid to trust them so far? If so
why did you elect them? And
having elected them hadn't you
better stand by them and defeat
their enemies who are trying to
render null and void what the
Governor promised to do for the
people?

It seems now that our friends—
the enemy, have decided that there
is no harm in draining the Ever-
glades. It is the way it is being
done to which they object. If it
could be done by the government
say, or by private corporations,
only words of commendation
would be heard. It is the five
cents per acre tax that hurts!
And yet we don't see why it
should distress the voters who own
none of the land on which this
tax is levied. Do our editors who
oppose the scheme own such lands?

We guess not. The large land
owners who offered to pay \$1 per
acre to have their land drained
surely are not among those who
oppose the Governor's Drainage
Scheme! They are not such fools!
Then will somebody rise and
explain what's all this fuss about,
anyway!

An Explanation.

"Whom the gods would destroy
they first make mad."

I had hoped that the matter of
the resolutions passed at Alva and
afterwards confirmed at Ft. Myers
would not be taken up by any one
as it was a small matter in the
original but as both the Tribune
and Times, of Tampa, have seen
fit to discredit Governor Broward,
who by the way had nothing to do
with the resolutions except to pass
on them along with the chairman,
Senator W. K. Jackson, of Citrus
county, and about half a dozen
other representative men. The
resolutions were drawn up by A.
F. Lovering of the Globe, Tampa.
They were declared entirely satis-
factory by Stephen Melton who
first suggested that resolutions be
passed. No dissenting voice was
raised at Alva and so far as our
memory serves us only A. P.
Jordan and J. H. Humphries had
a word to say against them when
the subject was revived at the
board of trade meeting at the
Bradford Hotel Wednesday night.

We had been royally treated by
the Ft. Myers and Lee county
citizens, and as is customary,
wished to express our thanks and
in so doing also assured these
hospitable people that we would
encourage the drainage of the
Everglades a project of much desir-
ability to them and one that
greatly concerns their temporal
welfare.

Only minds unduly warped
against all the Governor does or
says could see in the resolutions
passed any attempt on his part to
reap benefit for himself either
politically or in any other way.

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Closing Out Sale of Nursery.

We desire to start a nursery near lake
Josephine, where the writer has recently
secured a homestead entry.

The writer will have to move his resi-
dence to it before next March and en-
deavor to close out our entire interest
here in the nursery business consisting
of about forty-five thousand trees now
set in nursery form.

We have seedling grape fruit, sweet
seedling oranges and of the budded var-
ieties we have grape fruit buds, tanger-
ine Satsuma, Jaffa, Valencia, Ruby blood
Harts tardiff, navel, mandarine, Pine
Apple and sweet seedling buds and
several other varieties in small numbers.

We are not only prepared to give you
your money's worth, but bargains.

To see our stock is to want it.
It is absolutely healthy top and bot-
tom and well rooted.

We are located one half mile south of
Lily, Fla.

If you are thinking of setting out a
grove or enlarging your grove and have
not yet made arrangements it will be to
your interest to consult

W. R. VARN.

If you want to know the meaning of
the RED and GREEN lights, ask a rail-
way official; he will probably tell you,
that they mean, Look out! there is more
coming. But if you want to know what
is coming, "Ask the man" At the
ARCADIA DRUG STORE.

Its a business proposition. Subscribe
for THE CHAMPION.

Get your cool drinks at Lanier's in
the new Parker brick.

Bring your cow hides to W. F. Espen-
laub. He pays cash for hides.

Mattresses delivered at your station by
W. J. Odom, Fort Myers, Fla.

I. D. L. Butter, the best in the land
at Espenlaub's always on hand.

Send to W. J. Odom for moss and
palmetto mattresses. Fort Myers.

Several Hundred NURSERY TREES
very cheap. See F. S. Gore.

The Ladies' Home Journal Fashion
books now out, can be had free at The
Boston Store.

Inside Information!

New York dressers are making a stampede for
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July and August will be the great months for
these two solids, the Blues and Blacks. We
have the goods and they are the properest ever
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prices that will interest you.

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